
Iowa Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)
Teams meeting
October 28, 2020
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

MEETING NOTES

1. MEETING LOGISTICS

Discussion on meeting logistics.

Attendees

- Deb Arp, Iowa DOT, Systems Planning Bureau
- Krista Billhorn, Iowa DOT, District 2
- Andrea Boulton, Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation
- Joe Cory, West Des Moines, Public Works
- Michael Delp, Iowa DOT, Location and Environment Bureau
- Cara Hamann, University of Iowa
- Daniel Harness, Iowa DOT, Design Bureau
- Lisa Hein, Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation
- Zach James, SEIPC, Burlington
- Tammie Krausman, Iowa Department of Natural Resources
- Jan Laaser-Webb, Iowa DOT, Traffic and Safety Bureau
- Codie Leseman, INRCOG, Waterloo/Cedar Falls
- Craig Markley, Iowa DOT, Systems Planning Bureau
- Sarah Okerlund, Iowa DOT, Local Systems Bureau
- Kimball Olson, Iowa DOT, Bridges and Structures Bureau
- Milly Ortiz, Iowa DOT, Systems Planning Bureau
- Garrett Pedersen, Iowa DOT, Systems Planning Bureau
- John Peterson, AARP
- Sam Shea, Iowa DOT, District 6
- Sam Sturtz, Iowa DOT, Systems Planning Bureau
- Sarah Taylor-Watts, Iowa Department of Public Health
- Vern Willey, Altoona City Councilman
- Mark Wyatt, Iowa Bicycle Coalition

2. BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

Presentation: Systemic safety analysis story map, Sam Sturtz, Systems Planning Bureau

Sam Sturtz gave a brief review of the Systemic Safety Analysis and presented the associated story map.

The purpose of this analysis was to gain a better understanding of the crash risk of particular roadway and intersection features for bicyclists and pedestrians in Iowa.

For this analysis, all paved roadways and intersections were analyzed and a composite score indicating risk was developed. Further details of the approach and methodology can be found in the technical memo linked below. A story map depicting the results of this analysis was also developed. That story map is linked below and is best viewed in most browsers except for Internet Explorer. The segment and intersection results are also linked below for those who wish to use this data for their own planning purposes.

Technical Memo: <https://iowadot.gov/iowainmotion/files/Statewide-Bike-and-Pedestrian-Safety-Analysis.pdf>

Story Map:

<https://iowadot.maps.arcgis.com/apps/Cascade/index.html?appid=a47f7eacb1f04f21b4116ba1aac80b45>

Bicyclist Segment Data: <https://data.iowadot.gov/datasets/safety-bicyclist-segment>

Bicyclist Intersection Data: <https://data.iowadot.gov/datasets/safety-bicyclist-intersection>

Pedestrian Segment Data: <https://data.iowadot.gov/datasets/safety-pedestrian-segment>

Pedestrian Intersection Data: <https://data.iowadot.gov/datasets/safety-pedestrian-intersection>

Presentation/Discussion: Trails ADA assessment project overview/status, Milly Ortiz, Systems Planning Bureau

In February 2012, the Iowa DOT adopted a plan to address sidewalk ADA compliance along state highways in smaller cities. \$3M in state funds is allocated every year for ADA improvements.

FHWA – Iowa Division has emphasized that ADA compliance is more than just sidewalks, it is everything within DOT’s ROW.

- Facilities: information collected in 2017.
- Bus stops: Bus stop ADA Compliance Assessment information collected in 2018.
- Trails: started collecting information Summer of 2020, finalize in 2021.

Milly Ortiz presented the Iowa DOT’s trails ADA assessments. Questions were addressed related to funding, location and schedule of assessments, issues relating to local responsibility, how sites with compliance issues will be shared with the local entities, and estimated cost of upgrades.

3. COMPLETE STREETS POLICY REPORTS

Standing Report: Complete Streets Policy application/exceptions

- Brief discussion of projects that have gone through the Complete Streets Policy needs tests and cost exception process.
- Several questions related to separated trail facilities, and how they are accounted for by Iowa DOT.
- Recommendations were presented on how to better summarize this information in the future.

4. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS/INPUT

State Legislative Session review

- The Iowa Bicycle Coalition shared their draft legislative priorities.

Critical issues from BPAC members

- Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation mentioned Rails to Trails Conservancy's work for new trail funding sources.
- Iowa DNR noted waiting for Revenue Estimating Conference for future trail revenue.
- Information related to Iowa DPH Physical Activity Access program.
 - Focused on low-income seniors.
 - Volunteered to present at a future meeting.